

December 12, 2001

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

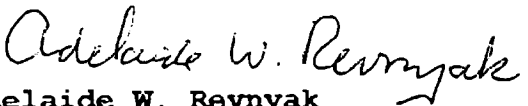
Let me begin by saying that the period of public comment is a wonderful way to let everyday people express their opinions on topics usually handled by career politicians. Three years of Microsoft antitrust dispute has been long enough. It is time to let Microsoft return their focus to innovation, rather than litigation. Your office has produced a just settlement that has positive implications for software publishers, consumers, and the rest of the IT industry. I am grateful for this.

Our economy has suffered from this lawsuit, and I hope that no more federal funding is allocated to this inane case. State budgets are also hurting, and yet proceedings continue in some states. We must allow the IT industry to resume its former pace. The longer this lawsuit drags on, the more likely it is that our country may lose its lead in the world technology market.

The Justice Department's settlement is the best solution. Competitors are protected under your agreement, and consumers will find better software compatibility. Further pursuit of litigation benefits no one.

Our country and our economy need stability. Settling this case now is just one step in achieving that. I would like to thank your office for the comprehensiveness of the agreement, and to thank you for considering my thoughts on the subject.

Sincerely,


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